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REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 15-18 were examined. By way of this amendment, Claims 8 and 15-18 have been cancelled. Applicants maintain that the cancellation of a claim makes no admission as to its patentability and reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any cancelled claim in this or any related application. No new matter has been added.

Allowable subject matter

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 1, 2 and 4-7.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph - enablement

The Examiner maintained his rejection of Claims 8 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for lack of enablement. To facilitate allowance of the present application, Claims 8 and 15 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot.

The Examiner also rejected Claims 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph for lack of enablement. To facilitate allowance of the present application, Claims 16-18 have been cancelled, rendering the rejection moot.

Conclusion

In view of Applicants' amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims have been allowed. Should the Examiner have any remaining concerns which might prevent the prompt allowance of the application, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number appearing below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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